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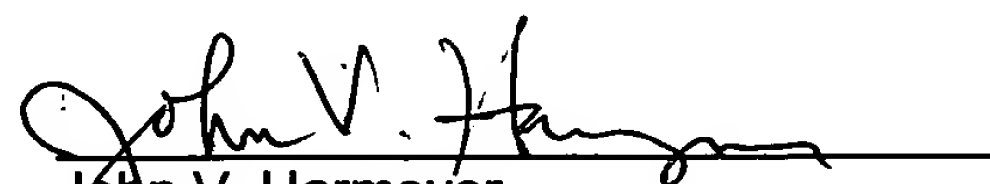
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING PRODUCT INVENTORY LEVELS**  
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS, AND**  
**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated May 23, 2001 ("the Notice"), attached please find a copy of the Notice and eleven sheets of formal drawings to be substituted for the originally filed informal drawings in this application. These drawings are identical to the formal drawings submitted May 1, 2001 (which apparently were not considered when the Notice was mailed) and are substantively identical to the informal drawings originally filed. No new matter is believed to be involved. It is believed that this represents a complete response to the Notice. Please charge any fees required, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 041133.

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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